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To: Members of delegations and staff

From: Director, Office of General Services

Subject: FIRST DAY OF ISSUE: 1994 ENDANGERED SPECIES SERIES

1. On Friday, 18 March 1994, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue the second set of stamps in its multiyear series on endangered species. Launched on 3 March 1993, the twentieth anniversary of the signing of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the series draws attention to the need for the protection of endangered species throughout the world. The aim of the Convention is to make sure that international trade does not threaten the survival of species of wild animals

Denomination:
29 cents

Endangered species:
Chimpanzee
St. Lucia Amazon parrot
American crocodile
Dama gazelle

Designer:
Kerrie Maddeford
(Australia)

and plants. In 1994, UNPA will issue three sheets of 16 stamps, one sheet in each of the three currencies. Each sheet will illustrate four different endangered species.

2. The 12 stamps, in denominations of 29 cents, F.s. 0,80 and S 7, each measure 39.2 mm horizontally x 28.6 mm vertically, perforation to perforation (perforation: 12 1/2 x 13 3/4). The stamps will be printed by Joh. Enschedé en Zonen (Netherlands). Each denomination will have a printing quantity of 4.8 million stamps (300,000 sheets). The sheet concept and border illustrations are the work of Rocco J. Callari, a United Nations staff member.

(United States equivalents - F.s. 0,80: 59 cents and S 7: 63 cents - subject to exchange-rate fluctuations.)

3. Because of the format of the sheets, collectors are advised that the MINT stamps will be available in selling units of a full sheet of 16 stamps or a single unit of a se-tenant block of 4 stamps.

4. First-day covers for the endangered species series will be available as follows:

Single first-day covers - four covers with singles for each location.

M.I. block of four first-day covers - one cover for each location.

Combination first-day covers - one cover for each location.

Denomination:
F.s. 0,80

Endangered species:
Mexican prairie dog
Jabiru
Blue whale
Golden lion tamarin

Designer:
Leon Parson
(United States of America)

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Triple-cancelled first-day covers - one large cover with the three different se-tenant blocks of four affixed and appropriately cancelled.

Jumbo first-day covers - one large cover for each location with full sheets affixed and appropriately cancelled.

5. On 18 March 1994, UNPA will issue its seventh set of maximum cards. Each of the three different cards will feature photographs of the four endangered species illustrated on the stamps affixed to each card and cancelled first day of issue relevant to the respective office. The maximum card cancelled United Nations New York will sell for $1.46. The cancelled United Nations Geneva is priced at $2.72, while the cancelled United Nations Vienna is priced at $2.86, subject to exchange-rate fluctuations.

6. UNPA will issue the 1994 endangered species annual collection folder on 18 March 1994. The specially designed album will devote separate pages to each of the 12 endangered species. The album will contain information in English, French and German and be beautifully highlighted by an array of colourful photographs about the species. The mint edition of the folder will contain the 12 endangered species stamps not affixed inside the album although spaces and mounts have been provided for this purpose. The cancelled edition of the folder will have the stamps affixed and cancelled first day of issue in New York, Geneva and Vienna as appropriate.

Denomination: S 7

Endangered species:
Ocelot
White-breasted silver-eye
Mediterranean monk seal
Asian elephant

Designer:
Paul Margocsy
(Australia)

7. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachet ONLY.

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8. Members of delegations and the staff may obtain the new stamps and first-day cancellations on Friday, 18 March 1994, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building: 9 a.m.-5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

9. Collectors should note that the endangered species series is the result of a survey taken several years ago in which UNPA asked its collectors what topics they would most like to see on United Nations postage stamps. The protection of endangered species was high on the list of responses.

10. Staff members are encouraged to use United Nations stamps on their personal mail. By doing so, these miniature messengers of peace can educate thousands of people world wide about the activities and goals of the United Nations.